

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to provide for a basic high school program and a recommended high school program and to require most students to complete the recommended one.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That § 13-1-12.1 be amended to read as follows:

13-1-12.1. The South Dakota Board of Education shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 to establish standards for the classification and accreditation of schools within this state, to establish standards for preparation of certified personnel, to set forth procedures for determining the eligibility of school districts to receive state foundation aid effective January 1, 1997, to adopt policies and rules necessary to establish standards and procedures for vocation-technical education and to establish curriculum requirements for both a basic high school program and for a recommended high school program for all public and nonpublic schools within the state. Both programs shall include a rigorous high school curriculum, and the recommended high school program shall be more academically challenging in the areas of mathematics and science than the basic high school program. Both programs shall enhance and may not diminish the academic preparation necessary for students to complete high school. The requirements of the basic program shall be aligned to the academic content standards developed pursuant to § 13-3-48 and shall, at a minimum, include the content standards tested pursuant to § 13-3-55.

Section 2. That chapter 13-33 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

For students entering the ninth grade in the 2006-2007 school year and thereafter, a school district shall require that each student enrolls in courses of instruction necessary to complete the recommended high school program established by the State Board of Education pursuant to section 1 of this Act. However, a student may be excused from taking courses of instruction necessary to

complete the recommended high school program if the student's parent or guardian and a school counselor or school administrator agree that the student should instead take courses of instruction necessary to complete the basic high school program also established by the board pursuant to section 1 of this Act. Any student who is seeking eligibility in the South Dakota scholarship program established in § 13-55-30 and is therefore adhering to the high school course requirements as provided in Board of Regents Policy Number 2:3(2)(F) as in effect on January 1, 2003, meets the requirements of this section.

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I certify that the attached Act
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